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**UNIT- III**

**16CET205- HIGHWAY AND RAILWAY ENGINEERING**



# Factors affecting the Design of Pavements

## Design wheel load

- Static load on wheels
- Contact Pressure
- Load Repetition.

## Subgrade soil

- Thickness of pavement required
- Stress- strain behaviour under load
- Moisture variation

## Climatic factors

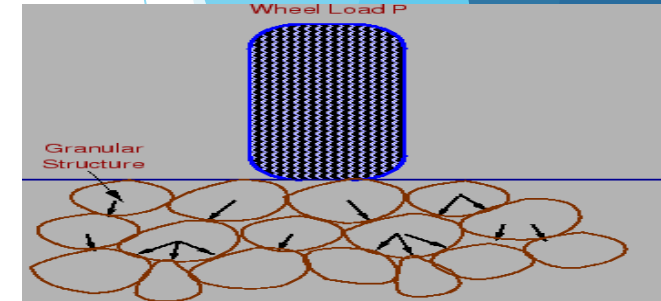
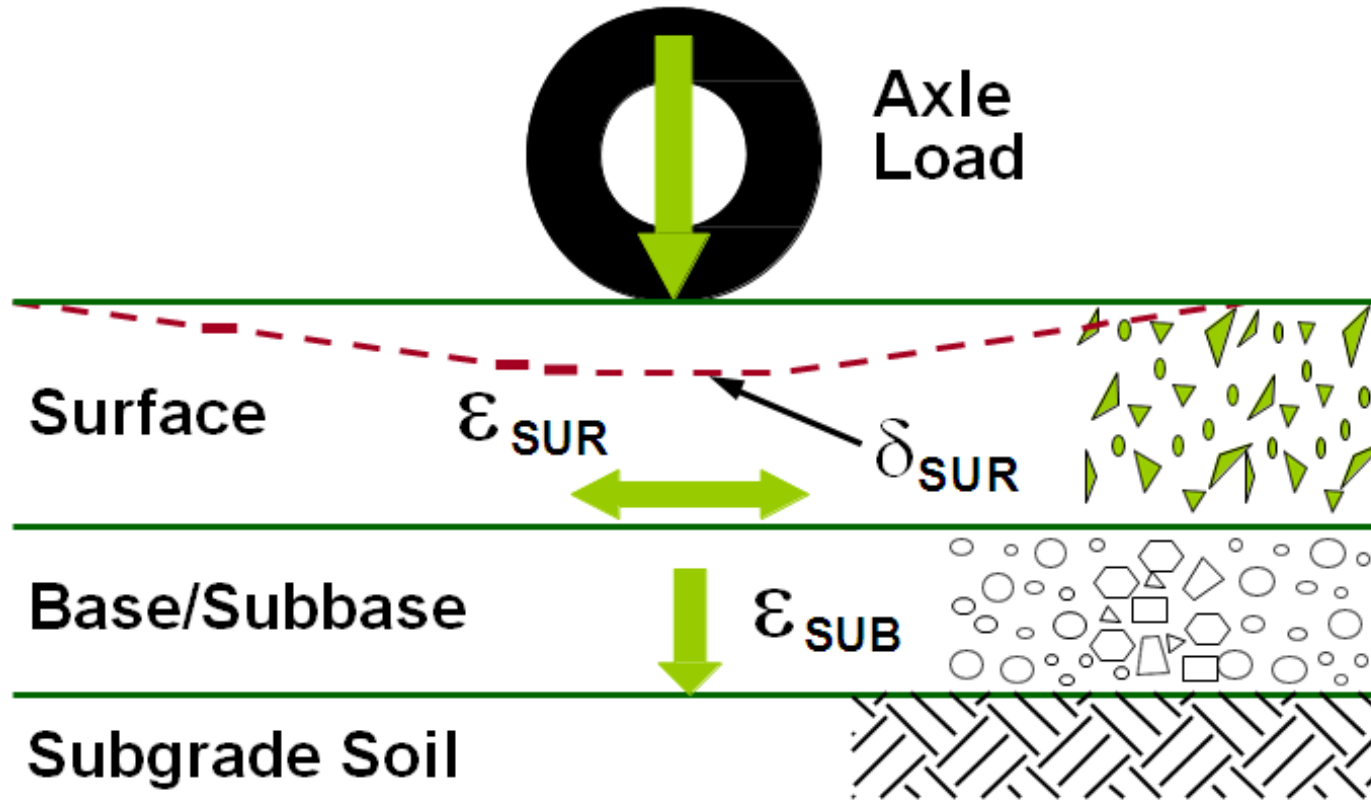
- Pavement component materials Environment factors
- Traffic Characteristics
- Required Cross sectional elements of the alignment



FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT

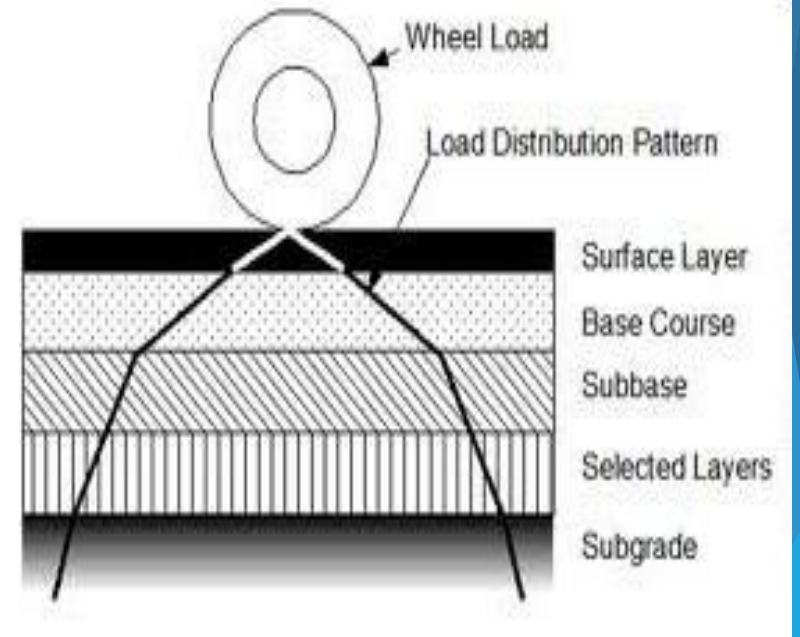
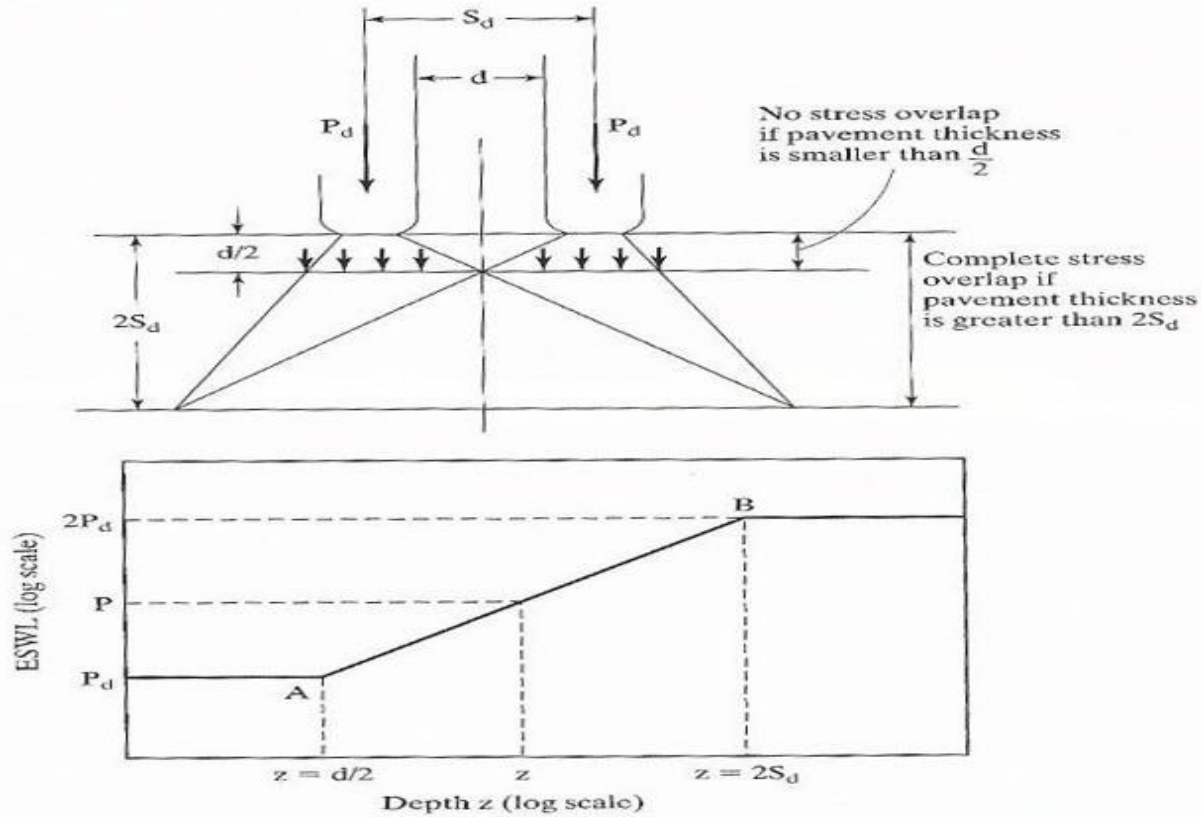


# Pavement Responses Under Load





# Equal Single Wheel Load (ESWL)





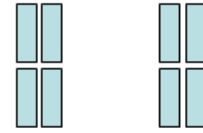
# Axle Configurations



An **axle** is a central shaft for a rotating wheel or gear



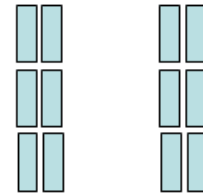
Single Axle With Single Wheel  
(Legal Axle Load = 6t)



Tandem Axle  
(Legal Axle Load = 18t)



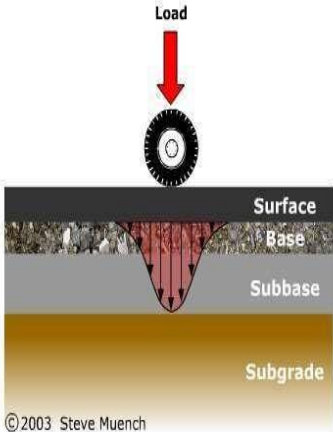
Single Axle With Dual Wheel  
(Legal Axle Load = 10t)



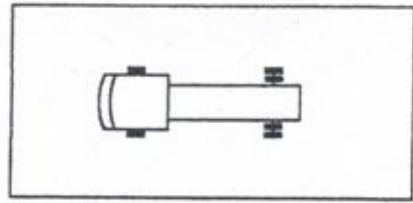
Tridem Axle  
(Legal Axle Load = 24t)



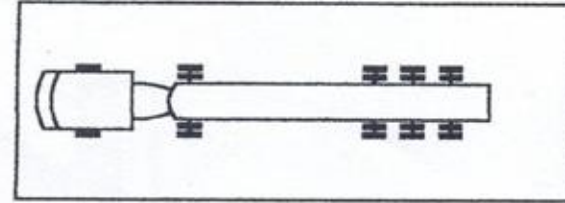
# Truck Configuration



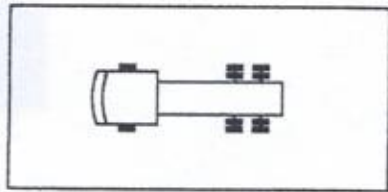
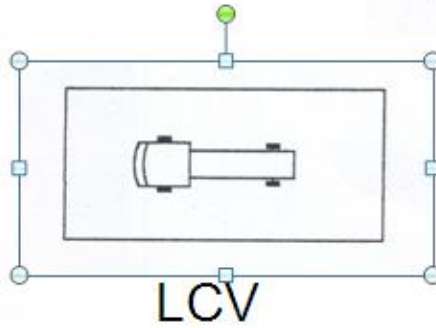
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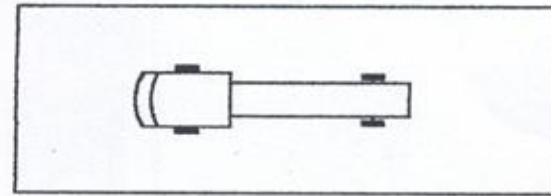
2 Axle Truck – 16t



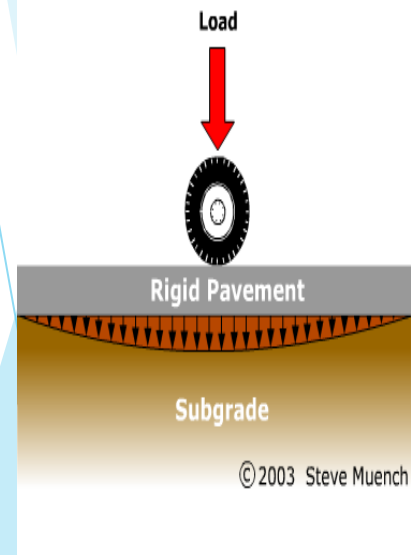
5 Axle Truck – 40t



3 Axle Truck – 24t



4 Axle Semi Articulated – 34t



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# Standard Axle



- ❖ Single axle with dual wheels carrying a load of 80 kN (8 tonnes) is defined as standard axle

**80 kN**



**Standard Axle**



# Evaluation Of Pavement Component Layers

## Sub-grade:

- ❖ To Receive Layers of Pavement Materials Placed over it
- ❖ Plate Bearing Test
- ❖ CBR Test
- ❖ Triaxial Compression

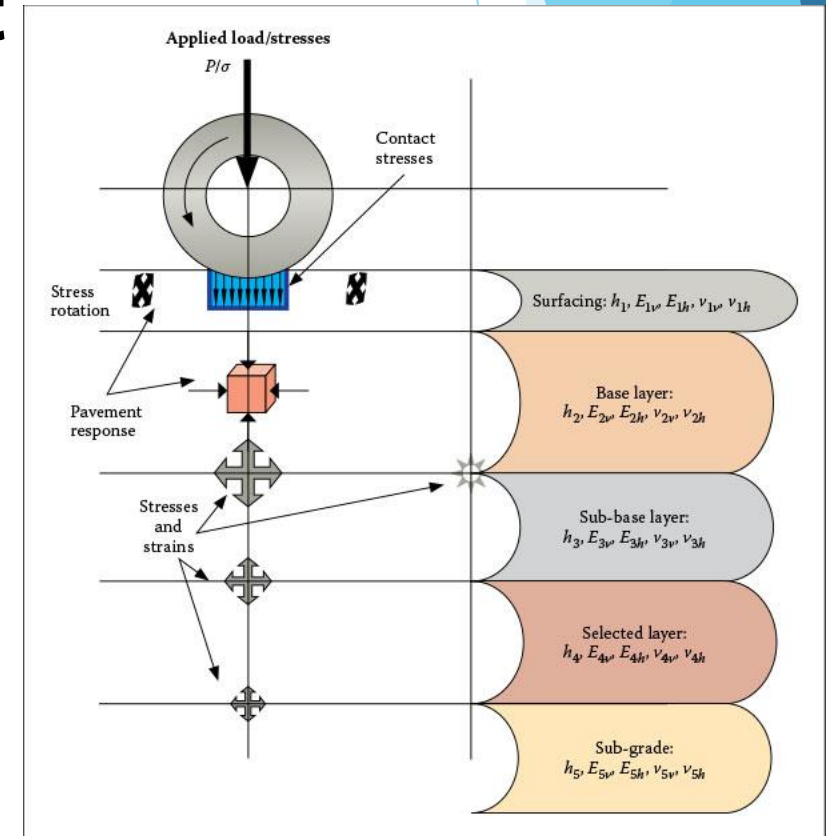


Figure 3 Hypothetical pavement structure



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- ❖ - To Provide Stress Transmitting Medium
- ❖ To distribute Wheel Loads
- ❖ *To Prevent Shear and Consolidation Deformation*
- In case of rigid pavements to*
- ❖ Prevent pumping
- ❖ Protect the sub grade against frost action
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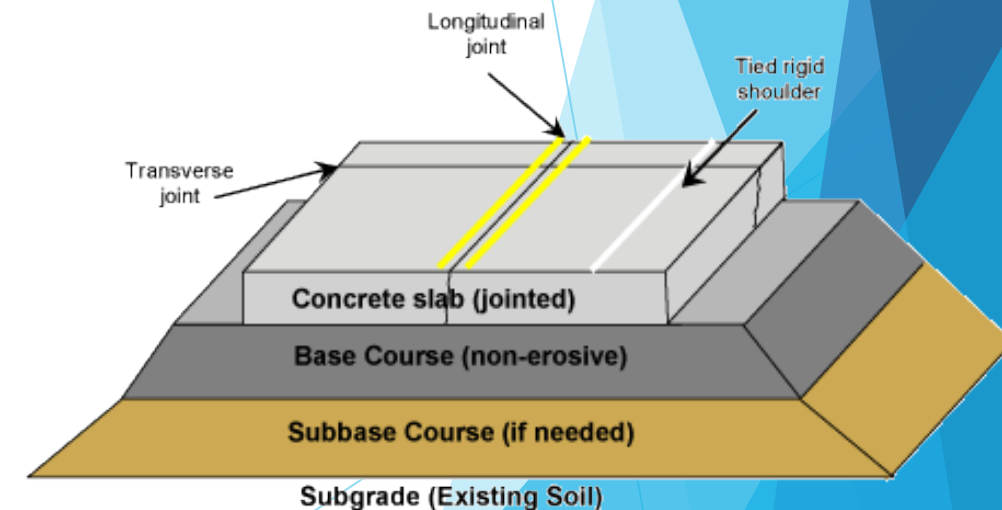
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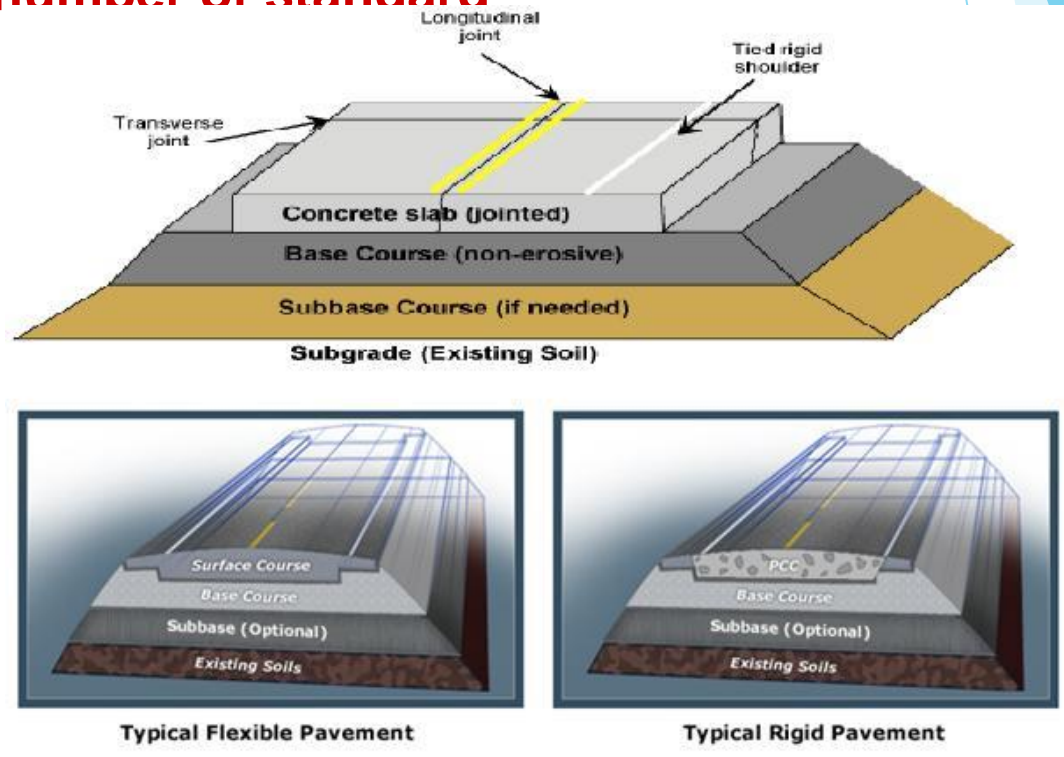
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# Flexible Pavement Design Using CBR Value Of Sub-grade Soil

- ❖ California State Highways Department Method
- ❖ Required data
- ❖ Design Traffic in terms of cumulative number of standard
- ❖ axles(CSA)
- ❖ CBR value of sub grade.



# Traffic Data

- ❖ Initial data in terms of number of commercial vehicles per day (CVPD).
- ❖ → Traffic growth rate during design life in %
- ❖ → Design life in number of years.
- ❖ → Distribution of commercial vehicles over the carriage way

# Computation of Traffic for Use of Pavement Thickness Design Chart

$$365 \times A[(1+r)^n - 1]$$

$$N = \frac{\quad}{r} \times D \times F$$

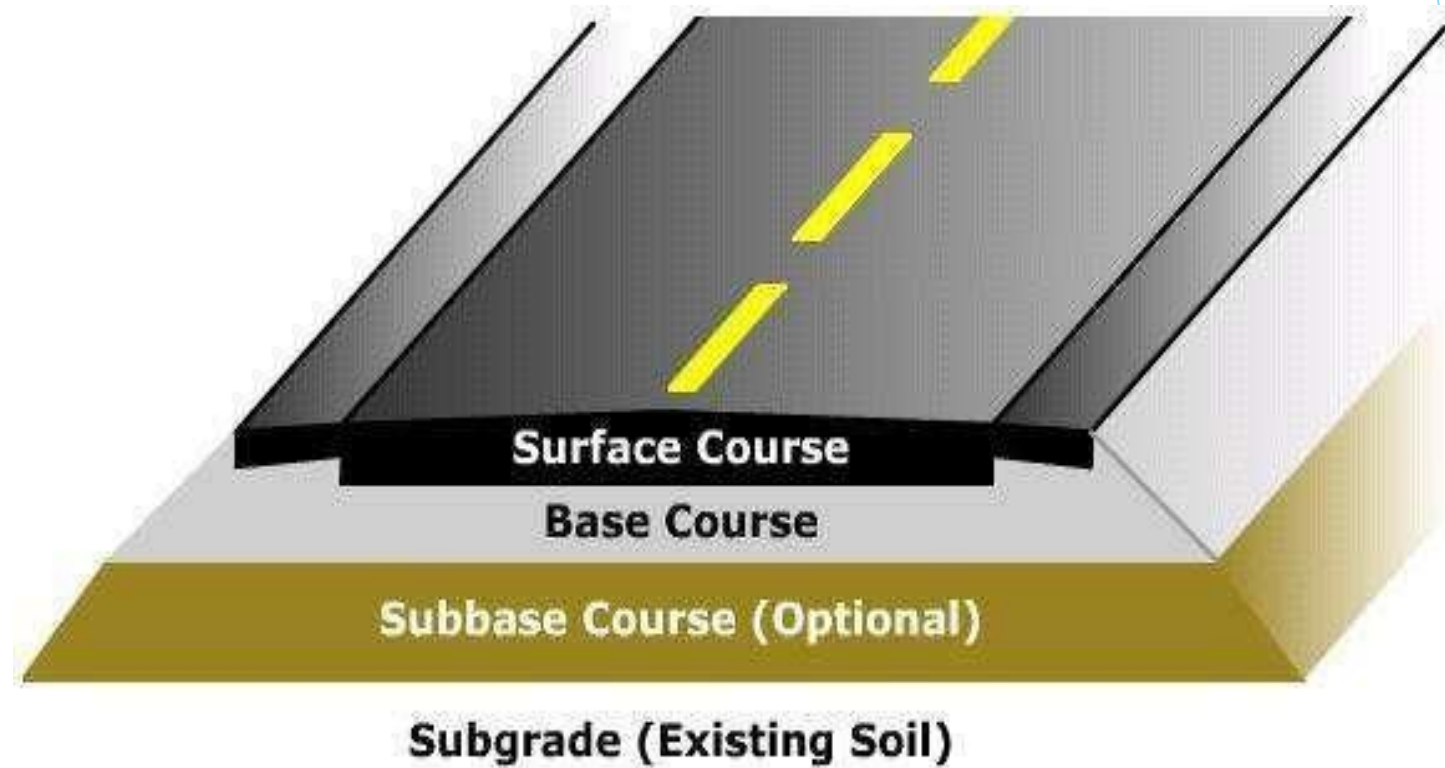
**N = Cumulative No. of standard axles to be catered for the design in terms of msa**

**D = Lane distribution factor**

**A = Initial traffic, in the year of completion of construction, in terms of number of commercial vehicles per day**

**F = Vehicle Damage Factor** **n = Design life in years**

**r = Annual growth rate of commercial vehicles**







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